

Dear Parents,

Homework is a great way of finding out what the children have been learning in school and practising it together so learning is consistent between home and school.

Children in Y1 will bring home a sound book on Friday with Level 1+ to Level 3 sounds (equivalent to the previous Read Write Inc Set 2) from our new scheme Floppy's Phonics. Most of these sounds they will already know from RWI but there are some alternative spellings they introduce in a different order e.g. they introduce ai first and then ay, oa first instead of ow and ow instead of ou. They also introduce some alternative endings e.g. dge and le.

Homework for Y1 is usually sent home on a Friday but as we are using our new eSchools platform so this will probably be uploaded on a Thursday afternoon or evening. The children have one week to complete their homework. Login details for each child will be sent home shortly. Login details for Floppy's Phonics online will be also be sent home shortly.

In Y1 homework will consist of new sounds to learn, a reading book and Maths which will be in the form of an online game called NumBots. The program practises addition and subtraction, particularly number bonds which are the various different ways numbers can be added together e.g. how many ways can we make 10? These calculations are vital to learn quickly as they help throughout the school with larger calculations. Again, children will have their own login. We realise there are various new online logins to get used to but we are trying to limit the amount of paper/books going home. It also should work in the event of self-isolation or lockdown that these can be continued at home. The new sounds will be from Level 4 and Level 5 of Floppy's Phonics (equivalent to the Set 3 RWI sounds). These will be stuck in their purple sound book as they are introduced to them. We are still using a paper copy of these as we do not yet have access to an online version of them.

Reception will be bringing home Level 1+ sounds from Floppy's Phonics, possibly the week ending Friday 25th July or once we feel they have settled enough for us to introduce them. Sounds will be stuck in a purple sounds book and sent home. Please try and practise these every day. **Please make sure these are in your child's book bag every day for when we have to stick in new sounds.**

In Class One we have the youngest children and they are often very tired at the end of a day. Also trying to fit in homework around after school hobbies and activities can be difficult. We understand this which is why we give almost a week for homework to be completed. Never force your child to do it if they are tired or it is too close to

bedtime. Please do not spend more than 10-15 mins at a time on homework - you can always come back to it. A little at a time often works best.

If you do not have access to a laptop, tablet or another form of accessing online learning please let us know. We have a limited amount of reading books available in school but we do rely on reading books being returned for use by other children. In order to keep families safe, we have to make sure we quarantine a reading book for at least 72 hours before it goes to another household so returning them promptly is a huge help.

Helping your children's learning at home can also be as simple as finding numbers on doors and asking questions like, "If we are at number 3 how many doors away is number 8?" looking at coins, reading road signs, playing board games and letting children measure when baking. If it is difficult fitting homework in, driving or walking to school gives a few moments to practise sounds. Ask them what sound they have been learning? Can they draw it in the air with their finger? Can they think of anything which begins with that sound?

If you have any questions regarding homework please talk to us about them.

Many Thanks

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